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SUMMARY: THREE CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING EX-FOREIGN MINISTER
SWARAN SINGH, FOLLOWED MRS. GANDHI'S CUE IN CRITICIZING
THE U.S. AS WELL AS PAKISTAN AT AICC SESSION JAN. 1. IN HIS
SPEECH, (PARAS 6-9 BELOW) SINGH ATTACKED THE WESTERN PRESS;
WARNED PAKISTAN AGAINST INTERFERING IN INDIA AND BANGLADESH;
EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR THE PAKISTAN FREEDOM MOVEMENT; DE-
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NOUNCED THE SUPPRESSION OF BALUCHIS IN BALUCHISTAN;

DECLARED THAT INDIA WILL "NOT TOLERATE" INTERFERENCE IN BANGLADESH BY THE U.S., CHINA OR PAKISTAN; AND REITERATED INDIAN SUPPORT FOR THE PLO. MRS. GANDHI IGNORED FOREIGN POLICY THEMES IN HER STATEMENTS ON THIS LAST DAY OF THE AICC SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. MRS. GANDHI'S SPEECH ON THE LAST DAY OF THE AICC SESSION AT CHANDIGARH DEALT WITH PARTY ORGANIZATIONAL WORK AND ECONOMIC THEMES. HER ONE REFERENCE TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS CENTERED ON THE PROBLEMS THAT EVEN THE RICH, UNDERPOPULATED AGRICULTURAL NATIONS (SHE MENTIONED CANADA) FACED WITH UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER. SHE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SPEECHES ON THE ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS (REPORTED SEPTEL), WHICH WERE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON JAN. 1.

2. ONLY THREE CONGRESSMEN SPOKE ON THE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION: MAHARASHTRA STATE MINISTER ZAKARIA, MP V.P. DUTT, AND JUST-DROPPED MINISTER OF DEFENSE (BUT STILL CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE MEMBER) SWARAN SINGH. ALL PICKED UP THE "EXTERNAL ENEMIES" THREAD HIGHLIGHTED BY MRS. GANDHI IN THE THREE PREVIOUS DAYS; NONE, EVEN THE LEFTIST ZAKARIA, DEVELOPED THE THEME AS FORCEFULLY AS THE PRIME MINISTER DID IN HER DECEMBER 31 SPEECH.

3. ZAKARIA INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTION WITH A LONG, WINDY LECTURE ON THE HISTORY AND EVENTUAL VINDICATION AT HELSINKI OF NEHRU'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. HE ASSERTED THAT THE WORLD HAD TO ACCEPT THAT INDIA IS AN IMPORTANT COUNTRY IN ASIA. HE OBSERVED THAT "EVEN U.S. LEADERS LIKE HENRY KISSINGER "HAVE ADMITTED THAT INDIA IS THE DOMINANT POWER IN SOUTH ASIA, ADDING "NONE CAN SNATCH THIS POSITION FROM US."

4. ZAKARIA THEN WARNED THE UNITED STATES AGAINST REPETITION OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE CONSPIRACIES THAT IT HAD USED IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. HE SAID THAT SUCH CONSPIRACIES WERE BEING ATTEMPTED IN THE SUB-CONTINENT BUT THAT INDIA WAS FORTUNATE TO HAVE A STRONG LEADERSHIP CAPABLE OF CHECKING ANY THREAT FROM ANY QUARTER. REACTIONARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND CAPITALIST FORCES OUTSIDE GIVING HELP TO PEOPLE INSIDE INDIA TO DISLODGE MRS. GANDHI WOULD NOT SUCCEED, HE REMARKED. HE RECOUNTED THE HIGH REGARD PEOPLE IN THE ARAB COUN-

TRIES HAD SHOWN FOR INDIA AND MRS. GANDHI DURING A RECENT VISIT TO THE PERSIAN GULF. HE PLEDGED SUPPORT TO THE ARAB CAUSE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND REFERRED TO INDIA'S RECOGNITION OF THE PLO AS EVIDENCE OF THIS SUPPORT.

5. MP AND POLITICAL SCIENTIST DUTT DEVOTED HIS SPEECH MAINLY TO THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY. HE ALSO REFERRED TO THE EFFORTS MADE BY SOME COUNTRIES TO WEAKEN INDIA

AND COMPLIMENTED THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FOR DEMONSTRATING IN A DECISIVE MANNER ITS CAPACITY TO MEET ANY CHALLENGE.

6. FORMER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER SWAREN SINGH TERMINATED THE DEBATE WITH A SPEECH IN PUNJABI. AFTER A CLICHE-RIDDEN INTRODUCTION ON NON-ALIGNMENT, HE DRIFTED INTO THE THEME OF "WORLD OPINION," HOLDING THAT INDIA SHOULD IGNORE WHAT NEWSPAPERS IN BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY SAY SINCE "WE HAVE TO DECIDE OUR POLICIES ON THE BASIS OF OUR OWN INTERESTS." THESE NEWSPAPERS, HE CLAIMED, CHANGED THEIR VIEWS AS IT SUITED THEM AND COULD NOT BE SAID TO REPRESENT WORLD OPINION.

7. SINGH THEN DESCRIBED INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN, STATING THAT "IF PAKISTAN WERE TO EMBARK ON ANY ADVENTURE TO WIPE OUT ITS DEFEATS IN THE 1965 AND 1971 WARS" IT WOULD FACE DEFEAT. HE WARNED PAKISTAN AGAINST ATTEMPTING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INDIA'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND THEN EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR THE PAKISTAN FREEDOM MOVEMENT AND DENOUNCED THE SUPPRESSION OF BALUCHIS IN BALUCHISTAN.

8. SINGH STATED THAT INDIA RESPECTED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF BANGLADESH AND WARNED PAKISTAN AGAINST CONSIDERING THAT IT ENJOYED ANY RIGHTS GROWING OUT OF ITS PREVIOUS STATUS AS PART OF PAKISTAN. HE DECLARED THAT INDIA WOULD NOT "TOLERATE ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY BASIS IN BANGLADESH" BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED STATES, CHINA OR PAKISTAN AND INDIA WOULD "NOT TOLERATE" ANY INTERFERENCE IN BANGLADESH'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS OR ITS USE AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST INDIA. "NOTHING CAN BE DONE THERE WHICH MIGHT HARM INDIA'S INTERESTS," HE SAID. DIEGO GARCIA WAS ANOTHER MATTER. INDIA HAD A 1,700 MILE COMMON BORDER WITH BANGLADESH.

9. SINGH ALSO PRAISED THE SOVIET UNION FOR ITS HELP TO INDIA OVER THE YEARS, RECALLED ITS SECURITY COUNCIL VETO WHEN HE WAS FOREIGN MINISTER DURING THE 1971 WAR AND TOLD HIS AUDIENCE: "WE KNOW WHO ARE OUR FRIENDS AND WHO ARE OUR FOES. WE WILL TREAT THEM ACCORDINGLY." ON THE MIDDLE EAST, HE REITERATED INDIA'S SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE SINCE "TRUTH" WAS WITH IT; ANNOUNCED THAT THE "BRAVE SONS OF PALESTINE" SEPARATED FROM THEIR HOMELAND

WOULD ALWAYS FIND INDIA ON THEIR SIDE; AND CLAIMED NEHRU'S
POLICY UNDERSCORING THE GEOGRAPHICAL REALITY OF PALESTINE
IS THREE DECADES OLD AND CANNOT BE IGNORED.
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